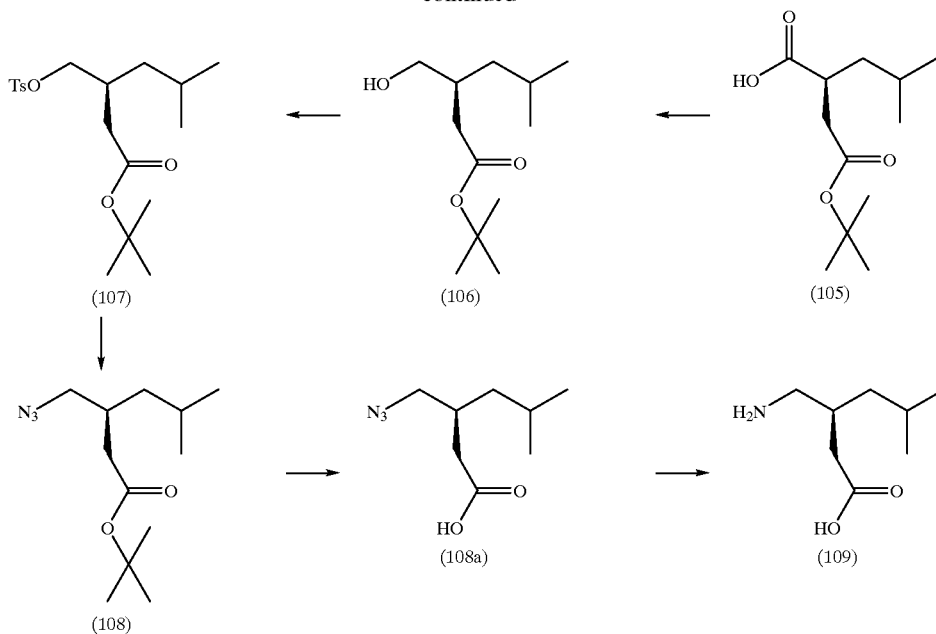


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What is claimed is:

1. A compound of the formula S-(+)-4-amino-3-(2-methylpropyl) butanoic acid as a single optical isomer.
2. 4-amino-3-(2-methylpropyl) butanoic acid, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.
3. A pharmaceutically acceptable salt of S-(+)-(4)-amino-3-(2-methylpropyl) butanoic acid, said salt being present as a single optical isomer.

4. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound any one of claims 1 or 3, together with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

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